Government of Maharashtra

Industries, Energy & Labour Deptt.,

Government Circular No. संकिर्ण २०१९/प्र.क्र.२३/ऊर्जा -५

Madam Kama Road,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032.
Date : 29th May, 2019.

CIRCULAR

Sub: Guidelines for releasing new electricity connections.

Ref: 1. Govt.Notification No.Misc 2016/ CR 69/Energy-5 dt.16.02.2017.
2. Practice Directions dt. 25.03.2019 issued by MERC.

Over the period, Distribution Licensee in the State of Maharashtra are working towards simplifying the process of releasing new connection. As a part of those efforts, they have enabled online submission of application, uploading the required documents and online payment of prescribed fees. Also various requirements have been dispensed with minimizing the requirement of documents.

2. At present, if consumer having load upto 150 KW through its undertaking declares that it has electrical installation's, Test Report with him, then based on such undertaking, Distribution Licensee can release new connection.

3. Recently, Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Ref.No.2 as indicated above has issued practice directions under the Electricity Supply Code Regulations- 2005 for reducing the process and timeline for releasing the new connections. Accordingly for all the statutory requirement, the applicant would provide declaration / undertaking for confirmation that information provided in the application is true and has complied with all requirements under statute for the time being in force. The applicant will be held responsible for any issue arising out of any such non-compliance & the applicant shall indemnify the Distribution Licensee from any loss that may occur on account of non-compliance. So also subject to statutory provisos, the Distribution Licensee shall endevour to release new connection within Seven working days (where no Right of way is required) and within fifteen working days (where Right of Way is required) of the receipt of application complete in all respects.

4. Adverting to above also on the advent of digitization adopting ease of doing business and to expedite the existing procedure for obtaining new electricity connection, it has been decided to issue following guidelines to Distribution Licensees:

Electricity connections upto 200 KVA (160 kW) load will have to be released, if the consumer has complied all necessary requirement under statute for the time being in force, including compliance of safety provisions under relevant rules/regulations within following timeline.

(i) Where no RoW is required - If there is no discrepancy in electrical installation or on compliance of discrepancy observed & on compliance of all necessary formalities, on receipt of completed application at Distribution Licensee (EI permission applicability being from 150 KW to 160 KW) to be provided – **within Seven Days.**

(ii) Where RoW is required – If there is no discrepancy in electrical installation or on compliance of discrepancy observed & on compliance of all necessary formalities, on receipt of completed application at Distribution Licensee (EI permission applicability being from 150 KW to 160 KW) to be provided - **within Fifteen days.**

5. The above timelines will not be applicable for virgin territory i.e. locations where a new line needs to be laid beyond 500 meter from the nearest available source and where the requisition load is more than 200 KVA. Necessary co-ordination and mechanism be worked out with Electrical Inspector to observe the above timeline.

6. All the distribution Licensees shall implement the above guide lines.

7. This Circular is applicable to the installation where the connection is required to be released above notified voltage, notified vide above referred notification. Electrical Inspector's permission is not required to release the connection below notified voltage.

8. This Government Circular of Maharashtra Government is available at the website www.maharashtra.gov.in. Reference no. for this is 201906061749054410. This order has been signed digitally.

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